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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SONGKHLA ON 02 OCT REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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SUBJ: RTG CI HOPES IN SURAT

I MET GOVERNOR ANAN SANGUANNAM OF SURAT PROVINCE IN PHUKET
OCTOBER 1 WHO SAID FOLLOWING RE RTG MOVES TO COUNTER GROWING
CPT STRENGTH IN SURAT:

1. 4TH ARMY COMMANDERWN GEN. SAN CHITBATIMA, WHO WILL
HEAD JOINT OPERATIONS, WENT TO BANGKOK TO CONFER WITH PM
KHUKRIT AND EXPECTED RETURN SHORTLY. SAN WANTED WRITTEN
APPROVAL TWO MAJOR POINTS FROM KHUKRIT BEFORE HE PREPARED
UNDERTAKE MAJOR OPERATIONS: 1) PERMISSION TO ARBITRARILY
ARREST AND DETAIN SUSPECTS IN AREA, AND 2), PERMISSION TO
CONTROL SALE OF COMMODITIES IN AREA.

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2. ABOVE POINTS ARE TO DENY CPT CONTACT WITH VILLAGE SUPPORT BASE. ANAN SEES CAMPAIGN AS LONG WITH AVOIDANCE OF MAJOR BATTLES. SAN HAS USED SUCH METHODS SUCCESSFULLY IN PAST, BUT FACT THAT HE WANTS WRITTEN APPROVAL IN ADVANCE MEANS HE UNWILLING TO END UP AS FALL GUY IN PRESS IF THINGS GO AMISS. UNCERTAIN HERE WHETHER KHUKRIT WILL GIVE SUCH APPROVAL. APPRECIATE BANGKOK THINKING ON THIS ONE. I DOUBT SAN WILL GO AHEAD WITH MAJOR OPERATION UNLESS HE HAS WHAT HE WANTS IN WRITING.

4. DISTRICTS IN SURAT WHERE VILLAGE SUPPORT BASE TO BE TESTED WILL BE BAN NA SAN (BNS), WIANG SA AND PHRASAENG. GOVERNOR ANAN ASSURES ME PEACE CORPS GIRL CURRENTLY STATIONED IN BNS DISTRICT TOWN IS UNDER NO THREAT AND LIKED BY VILLAGERS. PC REP WHO CAME THROUGH RECENTLY CONCURRED. I WILL BE VISITING HER LATER THIS MONTH TO REVIEW SITUATION.
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